

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Cochran, Bottorff, Pierce, Robertson,
Saunders, Murphy, Whetstone

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

Whereas, New Albany High School Theatre (NAHS) is one of the most recognized high school theater programs in the nation;

Whereas, In the past twelve years, under the direction of David Longest, NAHS has the distinction of being one of only three high schools in the country to have been invited to appear four times at the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska as an evening mainstage presenter;

Whereas, In 2000, New Albany High School was selected by the prestigious Rodgers and Hammerstein Musical Library in New York to be the only high school allowed to present the new Hal Prince version of "Show Boat";

Whereas, NAHS Theatre is the only high school program in the nation to be featured in New York's Broadway Magazine,

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“InTheatre,” as a unique combination of a public high school with an outstanding performing arts tradition;

Whereas, Recent graduates of New Albany High School have worked on Broadway and in at least a dozen popular New York and London musicals in the past six years;

Whereas, In 1987, David Longest received a Lilly Grant for Teacher Creativity in drama for playwriting;

Whereas, David Longest is the only high school theatre director in Indiana to win a second Lilly Teacher Creativity Fellowship, when, in 2002, he was awarded a grant to travel the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail;

Whereas, His journey across the American West culminated in his co-writing, along with composer Jim Stanton, the complete musical “Lewis and Clark, the American Journey.”

Whereas, This production will preview in New Albany from February 12th through the 16th and has been selected as a mainstage event during the second Lewis and Clark Bicentennial National Signature event that will be held in October, 2003 at the Falls of the Ohio; and

Whereas, “Lewis and Clark, the American Journey” is another example of the many events and activities that are commemorating the important role Indiana played in the Lewis and Clark Expedition: Therefore:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives



of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
2 recognizes the hard work and creativity of David Longest
3 and his students and the New Albany High School Theatre's
4 long record of accomplishments.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House
6 of Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to
7 David Longest and the Principal of New Albany High
8 School.

